(d) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Retrenchment of Postal and E.D. Employees**

79. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total strength of postal employees including ED employees as on 31st December, 1989;

(b) what was the number of ED employees retrenched during the period from January, 1989 to February 1990; how many of them have been taken back on duty so far; what steps have been taken to stop retrenchment of the ED employees; and

(c) what is the percentage of promotion of each categories of postal employees including ED employees; whether Government propose to give equal opportunity to all sections of postal employees in the matter of promotion; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The information is furnished in the Statement. (*See* below). Subject to the need to provide for an element of outside recruitment at the level of Postal/Sorting Assistants and also subject to the reservation orders in force, equal opportunity is given to all sections of Postal employees.

**Statement**

*Prcentage of promotion available to various categories of Postal Employees*

| Category of employees | Promotional Grade | Percentage of vacancies in promotional grade available to the category |
|---|---|---|
| (i) Extra Departmental agents | (a) Group D | 100% |
| | (b) Postmen | 50% |
| (ii) Group D | (a) Postmen | 50% |
| | (b) Postal/Sorting Asstt. | 50% |
| (iii) Postmen | (a) Head Postmen/Sorting Postmen Mail Overseers/ Cash Overseers | 100% |
| | (b) PA/SA | 50% |
| (iv) Postal Asstt./Sorting Asstt. | LSG | 100% |
| | IPOs | 100% |
| (v) LSG | HSG II (Higher Selection Gr. II) | 100% |
| (vi) Inspectors of POs. | (Asstt. Supdt. of Post Offices) | 100% |
| (vii) Inspectors of Post Offices Asstt. Supdt. of POs | Postal Supdts. Service Group 'B' | 94% |